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This seventh edition of *Illustrated Study Guide for the NCLEX-RN® Exam* continues to provide an up-to-date review book illustrated with graphics, pictures, and cartoon images to enhance your review and retention of critical nursing information. The book contains information specifically designed to assist you in preparing for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®). This text emphasizes the integrated approach to nursing practice that the NCLEX-RN is designed to test. The book’s primary purpose is to assist you to thoroughly review facts, principles, and applications of the nursing process. It should alleviate many of the concerns you may have about what, how, and when to study.

We have spent a great deal of time studying the NCLEX-RN test format and have incorporated that information into this book. We have included discussion and examples of the alternate format questions. In our review courses, which we have taught across the country, we have identified specific student needs and have correlated this information with the test plan in order to develop this study guide. Study questions are at the end of each chapter to help you check your level of comprehension. In addition, there is a CD-ROM in the back of this text that contains questions for practicing your testing skills.

We have designed graphics that highlight important information to make the book more visually appealing:

**Alert** Alert! identifies important concepts that are reflected on the RN Practice Analysis from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

**Nursing Priority** assists to distinguish priorities of nursing care.

**Adult** disease conditions are easily located by this design element.

**Pediatric** disease conditions are easily located by this design element.

**Self-Care and Home Care** can be found under the Nursing Interventions section.

**Medication** information is easily found in chapter appendixes.

**High-Alert Medications** identified by The Joint Commission and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices are noted by this symbol.

The comments from our review course participants, as well as extensive faculty reviews on our sixth edition, have helped to shape the development of this seventh edition. We hope this text will prove to be even more beneficial to nursing faculty, students, and graduate nurses. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your success in nursing.

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